THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 26th April 1948.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 5-30 p.m., Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Audit of temple accounts in the Andhra area.

* 81 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many auditors have been appointed to audit the accounts of the temples of every district in the Andhra area; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of appointing one auditor for every district?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) Nine auditors have been appointed to audit the accounts of the temples in the entire Andhra area. One auditor for each of the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna and Nellore; two auditors for Guntur; one auditor for Cuddapah, Chittoor and Kurnool and one auditor for Bellary and Anantapur.

" (*b*) No."

Inclusion of groundnut and sugarcane in the list of food crops.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware, the groundnut and sugarcane are not included in the list of foodcrops that are required to be cultivated under the accelerated scheme of sinking new wells, issued by the Revenue Department in 1946;

(*b*) whether he has mentioned groundnut and jaggery as two important items of substitute food in his reply to the Budget debate in the floor of the Council on 6—3—1948; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to set right the anomaly?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Food crops for purposes of the well subsidy schemes include not only paddy but also millets, pulses, vegetables including chillies, greens and fruit trees. Sugarcane is not treated as a food crop. Groundnut was not considered to be a food crop for the purpose of concessions under the well subsidy schemes. The Government have recently approved the proposal of the Board of Revenue that for purposes of the concessions under the well